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Thirteen People Have Been Charged With Drug Offenses in a City Crackdown of Illegal Activity in Springfield Neighborhoods

The charges against thirteen individuals are the culmination of an investigation by a number of agencies which began in March of this year. Those agencies included the Springfield Police Department Street Crimes Unit, the SPD Neighborhood Police Officers, the SPD Investigation Division, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U. S. Attorneys Office for the Central District, and the Sangamon County States Attorneys Office.

I would like to thank the many agencies who coordinated efforts to bring this operation to a successful conclusion, Mayor Tim Davlin said. We really appreciate the work of ATF, the U. S. Attorney, the States Attorney and our own Springfield Police Street Crimes unit, NPOs and Investigation Division who worked tirelessly to develop solid information that resulted in significant charges against these individuals.

Working individually we might not have accomplished much. But because everyone pulled together, we have gotten a large group of drug dealers out of our neighborhoods, Davlin added.

Charged in criminal complaints filed by the States Attorneys Office for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance were Aaron Johnson (23) of the 2400 block of E. Washington, Bloomington; Anthony James (21) of the 2000 block of E. Monroe; Lavanon Young (23) of the 2100 block of E. Jackson; James Capler (29) of the 2200 block of Lake Victoria; Robert Jones, Clifton Morgan (29) of the 500 S. State; Charles Lawuary (19) of the 2100 block of E. Jackson; Julian Randle (19) of the 3100 block of Butler; and Breon Bennett (24) of the 900 block of E. Division.

Charged in criminal complaints filed by the States Attorneys Office for delivery of a look alike substance were Darryl Kelly (19) of the 1300 block of South Grand East and Brandon Howell (24) of the 3100 block of Butler.

Charged under federal criminal complaints were Veil Douglass (24) of the 1900 S. 11th for possession of a firearm by a felon, and Napoleon Williams (27) of the 1200 E. Stuart for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

The sweep began this morning and has resulted in the arrests of eight of the thirteen individuals. Those in custody are Kelly, Lawuary, Williams, Capler, Jones, Morgan, Howell and Douglass.

This roundup was a cooperative effort by the investigating agencies who were acting on citizen concerns regarding illegal activity in Springfield neighborhoods.

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